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### 2008 ONU Who's Who

Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges recognizes students annually for their academic achievement, extracurricular involvement and future potential for leadership. The chosen students are then honored in a published directory. This year, 40 Olivet seniors were chosen in early December based upon these criteria as well as their Christian witness. The 2008 Olivet recipients were:

### 2008 Recipients

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Katie Brashaw  
Rachel Buller  
Kara Burkey  
Alexander Butler  
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Chelsi Clauson  
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Lindsey Kline  
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Scott McConnell  
Matthew McDaniel  
Michael McDaniel  
Samuel Means  
Amber Moore  
Melissa Morehouse  
Katie Novak  
Genesis Peterkort  
Jenna Reeves  
Ashley Robbins  
Brian Robbins  
Carolyn Stipp  
Katherine Sweet  
Laurryn Trojanowski  
David Wilson

### ONU partners with community in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast met Jan. 21, 7:30 a.m. at the Quality Inn in Bradley, Ill.

The ONU gospel choir sang for its fourth year, contributing the musical performances for the event by offering upbeat opening songs and sharing special music during the breakfast.

"It is important that Olivet has a gospel choir because it shows we're a diverse group," said sophomore Jasper Taylor, Gospel Choir director. "It shows we can express ourselves and our love for Christ through song."

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# Cyberspace classrooms

## Olivet increases availability of online classes for students

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More students wanting to take summer courses will be able to do so from the comfort of their homes, due to an increase of online classes offered this summer.

"We have a growing list of summer options that have been developing over the past few years," said Registrar Jim Knight.

The Olivet catalog had an increase of six classes from last summer. Differences in the schedule contain sections of general education classes, including an additional section of Western Civilization and College Writing II.

Knight said that there are several reasons why professors choose to do summer online courses, like having more time or being able to have more creativity in teaching. They also do less advising with students over the summer.

Students can also benefit from online courses.

"There are some nice features for students," he said. "Some people like to utilize technology and there are learning styles that would be accommodated by those courses."

This spring semester, three online classes were offered. Knight said that the decision to make these classes go online mostly fell to the professors. The classes include a nursing class, The Global Community; a journalism course, Beat Reporting and a geology class facilitated (rather than taught) by an Olivet professor.

Senior nursing major Dorie Voyles is in the online nursing class this semester. She said her first online course was last semester when she took a research course for her major. Voyles is still undecided about her feelings toward taking classes online.

"I'm more of a person who likes to be in a classroom setting," Voyles said. "But I un-

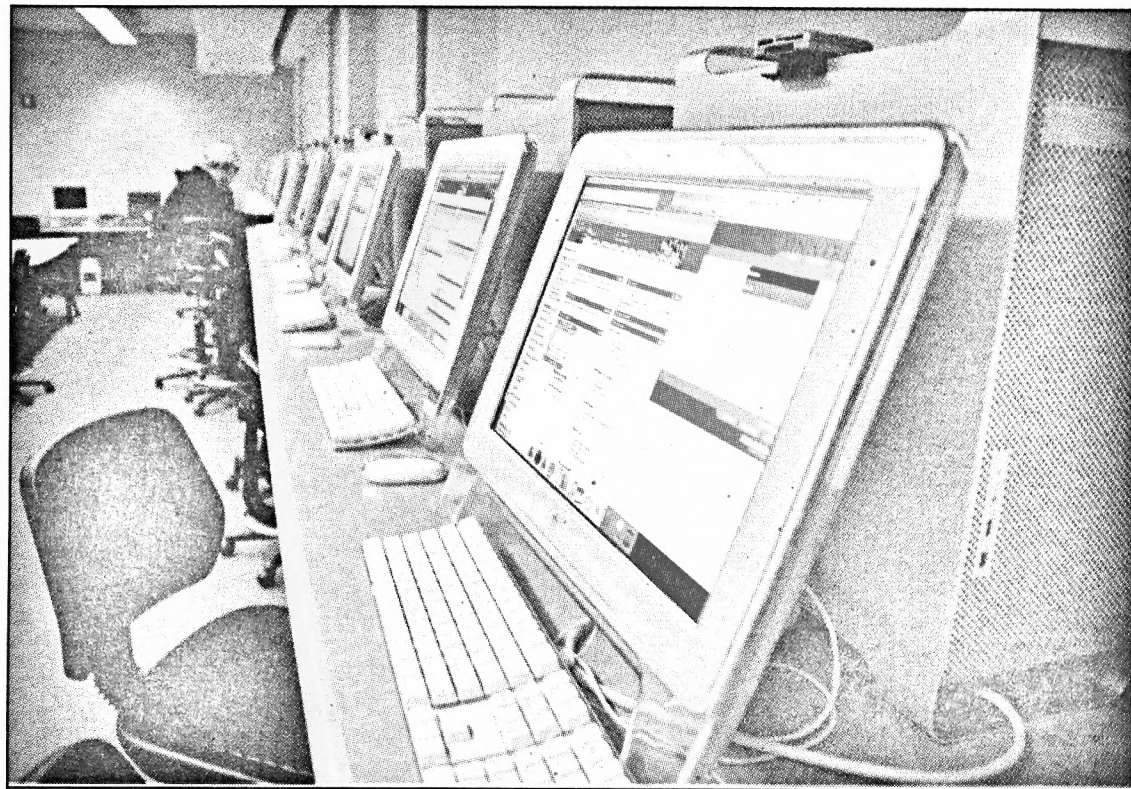


PHOTO BY JON BROWN

**Online classes for undergraduate students have increased, especially during the summer. This semester three classes are being offered online are being offered for on-campus students.**

derstand why this topic would be overwhelming and it makes sense for it to be this way."

The class, which looks at global health, takes place mostly through the class' Blackboard discussion board. Each student is assigned a country to post reports on and is required to read the work of their peers.

The number of students in the class, 33, presents a challenge to students when it comes to keeping up with postings.

"It's kind of overwhelming at times," Voyles said, noting that it would be difficult for each student to report on their countries in a traditional setting.

Knight said that he didn't see online classes during the semester increasing any time in

the near future, but he also said that he wouldn't rule it out because some professors still might use it on a case-by-case basis.

"It's an up and coming thing," he said, citing a recent University of Illinois initiative to increase online course offering to increase the number of students enrolled worldwide. "It will be interesting to see what happens and how it affects the rest of us."

The Beat Reporting class went online when the professor, Jo Ellen Werking-Weedman, moved to Nashville, Tenn.

Freshman Jalisa Smith, a student in the class, said that she prefers classroom-based learning over online classes.

Smith said that she would not take an online class in the

future if it could be avoided.

"I think it's better to get the lecture, live, instead of online," she said.

"I just don't like online classes."

Smith said that the absence of the professor on campus has led to some confusion among students, especially since it is the first time this class has ever been offered online.

"Everything's not clear between the professor and the students," she said. "I don't think everybody fully understands what to do."

Werking-Weedman did, however, schedule a meeting for students to talk through the semester. Smith thought this was beneficial.

"She made everyone feel better about taking online [beat] journalism, plus she bought us food."

# Leaders leave ministry team

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After more than a month of being without leaders, Olivet's Prison Ministry is gearing up for action again.

New leaders, freshmen Anna Weaver and Andrew Kischner, are now in charge of one of the longest standing ministries on campus, according to former leader Peter Sammons.

The group visits Kankakee County Prison in Kankakee, Ill. to tell inmates about Jesus. While there, they answer questions and hold Bible studies with the inmates every week.

It was controversy this past fall that led to the ministry being put on hold after co-leaders, seniors Peter Sammons and Matt Suefert stepped down from their leadership positions.

All student ministries are under the Spiritual Life council, which is led by Vice President of Spiritual Life Keith Davenport, and are a part of ASC. Group leaders are required to attend weekly meetings and turn in two update reports each semester.

Each spiritual life leader is allowed three unexcused absences at meetings. After Sammons and Suefert exceeded that number, a meeting was called to order with the judicial branch of the Spiritual Life council.

The council consisted of the four class chaplains, 3 ministry leaders, the Spiritual Life secretary, Spiritual Life treasurer, Jennifer McClellan, Spiritual Life advisor and the VP of Spiritual Life, Keith Davenport.

Sammons said that work made it difficult to attend all of the group meetings.

**We have to have requirements to have accountability for the money going to the ministries.**

- Chaplain Benson

"I told them that it was going to be a really hard thing because I am married," he said. "I don't live on campus. I pay for my own schooling. So does my wife. So I went to a few of them in the beginning. I went to the retreat at the beginning of the year."

If the ministries don't have leaders they can't function, according to Chaplain Benson. Part of that leadership is fulfilling the requirements of the Spiritual Life Committee.

"We have to have requirements to have accountability for the money going to the ministries," Benson said.

During the judicial meeting,

Sammons also cited his disagreements with Nazarene doctrine as a reason he and his co-leader could not serve as Spiritual Life leaders. Sammons wanted Spiritual Life to be a forum to debate these issues.

"That's really the whole point, I would think, of Spiritual Life is to make sure that we are spiritually heading in the same direction," he said.

Benson, however, said there must be compromise to have a healthy discussion.

"I know Peter is of a different denomination. We are a Nazarene

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## Ministry

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School, but we accept students from many different denominations and religious beliefs. We don't require students to be Wesleyan, but [Peter] wasn't making room for it [Wesleyan]," He said.

As Sammons' personal convictions became evident, he was given the choice to either step down from leadership or be consistent with the Spiritual Life requirements. Benson said Sammons was still encouraged to be involved with Prison Ministry, even if it was not as a leader.

Sammons said that with work and his personal convictions, he could not be the ministry's representative. Therefore, the ministry was suspended until leadership was found.

While the new leaders are, "total rookies," as Weaver said, they are hopeful about the future of the ministry.

Since the group pulled out from attending the prison last semester, they may have trouble reinstating the ministry back at the prison.

"So, we are hoping [the prison] still has our background checks," Weaver said. "If they lost them we probably won't be able to go into the prisons this year."

There are no set dates yet, but the ministry and its 20 members hope to visit the prisons a few times each week and prepare a Bible study for the inmates.

"I want to give them a consistency with our presence," Weaver said. "We want to talk to them and tell them what Jesus is like. With whatever they have done to get there, we want to help them be receptive of God's love and feel worthy."

# Tribunal turmoil before elections

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The month of February may prove to be hectic for the Associated Student Council (ASC) as executives face not only the impending student election process beginning in February, but also handling unrest within the judicial branch of the student government.

Issues arose when ASC Tribunal chairperson, senior Mike Flick, resigned on Jan. 28 because he felt the Tribunal was not being used effectively.

The decision came following an attempt to disband the Tribunal, which was unsuccessful due to the Tribunal not having the power to disband itself, according to the ASC Constitution.

ASC President David Wilson asked for a formal resignation from each Tribunal member should they be unhappy with Tribunal's current purpose in ASC.

This request came in response to the letter sent by Flick on Jan. 24 to the ASC Executive Council, the Office of Student Development and the ASC faculty sponsor, Jay Martinson, which included a formal declaration of the Tribunal disbandment.

According to Wilson, if they felt it necessary to resign, they were encouraged to do so immediately so that the positions can be reappointed in time for the election process.

"If all the members chose to

resign, then the voting council would just reappoint new members for the Tribunal," ASC President David Wilson said. "It would be up to the voting council to dissolve the Tribunal."

The Tribunal itself is made up of nine members from the sophomore, junior and senior classes. Tribunal members have specific guidelines under which they may act, according to Article V. Section 5. of the ASC Constitution, which states:

"They shall try all cases of impeachment, hear and decide on all controversies among members of the Student Council and its subsidiary organizations, decide on all disputed elections of the Associated Students, exercise original jurisdiction in cases involving the Associated Students and its subsidiary organizations, present in writing all of the decisions and opinions it hands down and forwards copies of the same to the VP of Office Management. All decisions of the Student Tribunal shall be subject to appeal and reviews by the Administrative team of the University."

Flick, a political science major, said that not being contacted regarding situations that might require judicial action has given Tribunal members the impression that their services aren't important to the student government.

"Nobody really views the Tribunal as legitimate," he said.

One issue that Flick says motivated the decision was the removal of the Tribunal's role in the executive review process, a move that Flick says was done without

prior consent. The executive review process, which was established as a system of accountability for the ASC executive council, has happened once a semester for the past three semesters, according to Woody Webb, Vice President of Student Development.

The executive review process was removed from the Tribunal duties following the decision by Wilson and Student Development to make the review process a peer review conducted individually using a specific form.

"Although, some good feedback resulted, the process was not accomplishing our goals and we decided to seek other options for evaluating individual performance," Webb said.

Following the decision, Tribunal members met to discuss their position within the student government and one member motioned to disband the Tribunal entirely.

"What happened was that the [executive review] meetings probably were not frequent enough, but also because the Tribunal was kind of a third party outside the student council, it was a little unclear to the Tribunal what the responsibilities of the executives were," Wilson said. "[It] was a little unclear to the Tribunal exactly what was going on in terms of the executives and their performance."

In his letter of dissolution, Flick stated that there was a need for understanding what Tribunal's role is and until that happens there is no need for Tribunal.

"It is with great disappoint-

ment, that Tribunal therefore confers all judicial action back to the Office of Student Development, which has had, and will remain to have supreme autonomy. We hold that until all entities of ASC, be it all clubs and organizations, know and understand the role of Tribunal, it is a purposeless entity, and as such, will no longer function," Flick said in the letter.

"Nobody knows about Tribunal," Flick said. "If ASC is going to go to Student Development with problems, then what's the use of Tribunal?"

At the forefront of the current discussions between ASC and Student Development is the revision and ratification of the ASC Constitution, which is a process that has been ongoing for the past two years, but according to Wilson, will conclude this semester.

While the new Constitution is ultimately subject to approval by the student body, Wilson says that reviews prior to submission for voting will be done very closely in conjunction with the Tribunal.

"The judicial authority means that they're the ones who should be interpreting the Constitution," Wilson said. "My concern is that most students who vote on it probably aren't going to care and read it, whereas the Tribunal, I can count on them to care about what it says."

Currently no other Tribunal members have resigned and a few said they did not consent to the dissolving to Tribunal. Wilson will meet with Tribunal members, minus Flick, on Friday, Feb. 1 to discuss the future of Tribunal.

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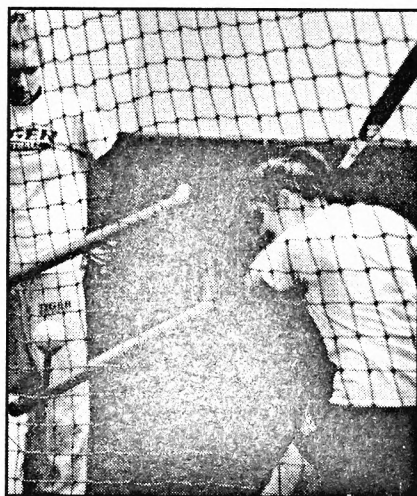


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## Delegates race toward Super Tuesday

With Super Tuesday less than a week away, candidates strive to finish on top

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Ralph Nader could not have picked a more exciting day to turn 74. Perhaps the former presidential candidate will get a write in for his birthday on Feb. 5, which also happens to be Super Tuesday.

The term 'Super Tuesday' has been used since 1984. It refers to the date where majority of states in the U.S. hold their primary election to select delegates that will attend the Republican and Democratic national convention.

The conventions, held the summer before the November presidential election, is where each party's respective candidates are officially nominated.

In past elections, Super Tuesday has all but solidified who the nominees for each party will be. This year, however, political correspondents do not know what to expect.

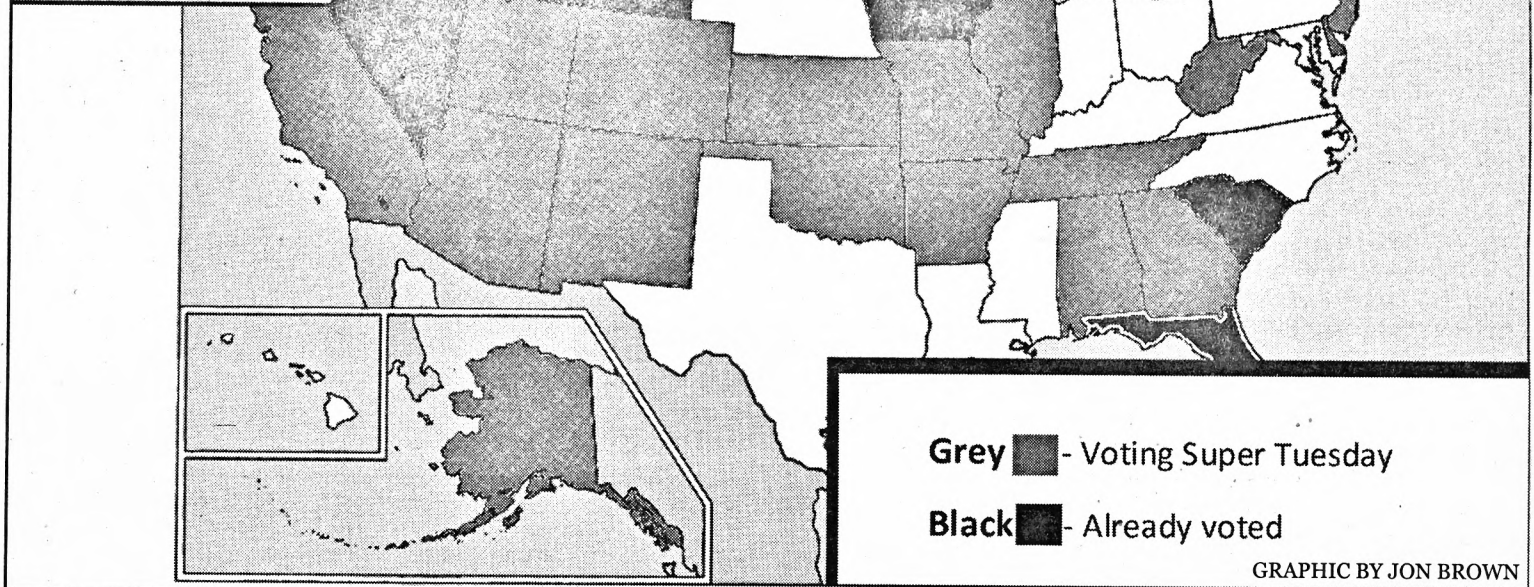
"The race for delegates is so close in both parties that it is mathematically impossible for any candidate to lock up the nomination on Feb. 5," according to an Associated Press analysis.

This Feb. 5 will mark the biggest Super Tuesday in history, with 24 states holding primaries or caucuses. Fifty-two percent of all Democratic Party delegates will be selected and 41 percent of all Republican delegates will be selected.

The Republican candidate needs 1,191 delegates to secure their Party's nomination, while the Democrats need 2,025. Currently, Sen. Hillary Clinton holds

### Winners

Iowa - Obama, Huckabee  
Michigan - Clinton, Romney  
New Hampshire - Clinton, McCain  
Nevada - Clinton, Romney  
South Carolina - Obama, McCain  
Florida - Clinton, McCain  
Wyoming - Romney



232 after winning New Hampshire and Nevada over Obama's 158 from victories in Iowa and South Carolina. Sen. John Edwards held 62 delegates, but stepped out of the race following the Florida primary on Jan. 29.

John McCain leads the Republican ticket with a total of 97 delegates after winning all of Florida's delegates on Jan. 29, along with winning South Carolina and New Hampshire. Mitt Romney trails with 74 delegates winning Wyoming, Michigan, and Nevada. He is followed by Hucka-

bee who holds 29 delegates and won Iowa.

Even if one candidate wins all three of the "big" states they are not guaranteed the nomination. Presently, Illinois (153 delegates), California (370 delegates), and New York (232 delegates) are the three largest available Democratic states.

For the Democratic Party, it boils down to the National Convention held in the summer and the Superdelegates, who are comprised of nearly 800 elected officials and members of the

Democratic National Convention. The Superdelegates are loyal to whomever they choose, but make the final decision of who receives the Democratic presidential nomination.

However, for the Republican Party, the selection of the nominee will all but be decided by the outcome of all the primary elections. This is due to states like New York, New Jersey, Arizona, and Missouri who give all their delegates to whomever wins the popular vote.

While there are several Re-

publicans who stand a chance for getting the nomination, one candidate will have to do well throughout the entire nation to win.

On this day, Americans have as many potential candidates to vote for as they do options for the day's name. Super Tuesday has been called several things, including Super Duper Tuesday, Tsunami Tuesday or Imperious Tuesday of Destiny. Nonetheless, presidential candidates will have to stay on top of their game to remain in the race.

## Many changes coming for second century

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The changing of the century brings changes to Olivet's campus. These changes include physical changes like new building construction and logistical changes like improved relationships among the Olivet community.

The ideas and goals for Olivet in the new century originated from the University leadership, a group of about 40 people that meets quarterly to discuss goals. The group includes academic deans, administration and Student Services, said Doug Perry, Vice President of Finance.

The group decided that the most pressing issues were academic quality, campus living, undergraduate enrollment, School of Graduate and Continuing Studies, financial health and constituent relationships.

Short-term goals include renovations around campus. Some of the first projects include the Centennial Chapel and renovations to Ludwig, Strickler Planetarium and Benner Library.

Chapel construction will begin as soon as sufficient funds are raised. Long-term goals for

the University include optimal use of Olivet-owned land. Small changes that will increase the University's functionality will be landscape projects and setting up more benches. Major projects include new residence halls, additions to existing buildings to create more classrooms and office space, a recreation center and

new parking lots.

The recreation center will have indoor courts, more lockers rooms and a swimming pool and be located behind Chalfant.

Renovations on Ludwig begin this summer and include expanding the cafeteria by about 50 percent or by about 300 seats, said Perry. Both ends of the building

will be expanded.

Another important project that has already begun is the renovations to Strickler Planetarium.

"The Planetarium is receiving all new equipment that will make them the most up-to-date planetarium in our region," Perry said.

This summer, Benner Library is receiving new carpet, heating and cooling systems and furniture.

"There is only a tight window of about five to six weeks for construction this summer," Perry said. "We need to be ready to re-open for the Bears."

The logistical changes for the Olivet community include strengthening relationships among the staff, students, alumni, friends and churches, growth of the School of Graduate and

Continuing Studies, maintenance of the Undergraduate enrollment and enriching academic quality.

The School of Graduate and Continuing Studies plans to increase their enrollment to 5,000 students. Perry says that enrollment is currently around 1,500 students. To boost numbers, additional programs will be offered, including online classes and classes that work more closely with corporations and school districts.

Unlike traditional undergraduate students, the Graduate and Continuing Studies students are not limited by the campus space. To accommodate on-campus undergraduate students, the University has set a cap on undergraduate enrollment at about 2,500.



### Bible Study & Prayer Meeting at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene

Midweek Service - 7-8 p.m.

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## Editorial:

# Celebrity gossip covets trust from Media

Media outlets need to focus on the real news rather than celebrity blunders

Everyone knows about Paris, Britney and Lindsey. Everyone knows about their DUIs, their family issues and how many times they've been in rehab.

But how many people can name the presidential candidates from the Democratic and Republican parties? How many people know the size of the recently accepted economic stimulus package (which is \$145 billion, by the way)?

While important news that affects us is put on the back burner, stories about which celebrity's sister is pregnant are continually overemphasized in the media.

We complain that there's too much media coverage of these celebrity's mishaps, yet we continue to come back to it, eager for more gossip and latest celebrity scoop.

Today, public trust in the media continues to drop. In 2003, only 36 percent of the population believed that news organizations get the facts straight, according to a USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll. A 2007 Sacred Heart University poll showed that number was down to only 19.6 percent of respondents who trust all or most of what the media says.

Some believe this is due to the

fact that the nation's newspapers and television stations have taken a liking to the Hollywood lifestyle of excess.

Carl Bernstein, the former Washington Post reporter who broke and covered Richard Nixon and Watergate scandal with Bob Woodward, said that while newspapers are hardly better, "television news [has] been taken over by an 'idiot culture' that spends more time chasing celebrities than explaining life-changing events."

In his speech at the 2005 Kansas Press Association's 113th Annual Convention, he gave the example of how ABC's Diane Sawyer led off the first installment of the newscast, "Prime Time Live" by asking Donald Trump's then-girlfriend Marla Maples about her sex life with the real estate mogul.

By comparison, there really wasn't much else in the news that same day. Nelson Mandela had returned from Soweto after years of being away, in addition to an agreement being made about how to unify East and West Germany.

"For the first time in our history," Bernstein said, "the weird, the stupid, the coarse, the sensational and the untrue are becoming our cultural norm -- even our cultural ideal."

There are now television news-

casters standing against what is thought to be a downward spiral for the media.

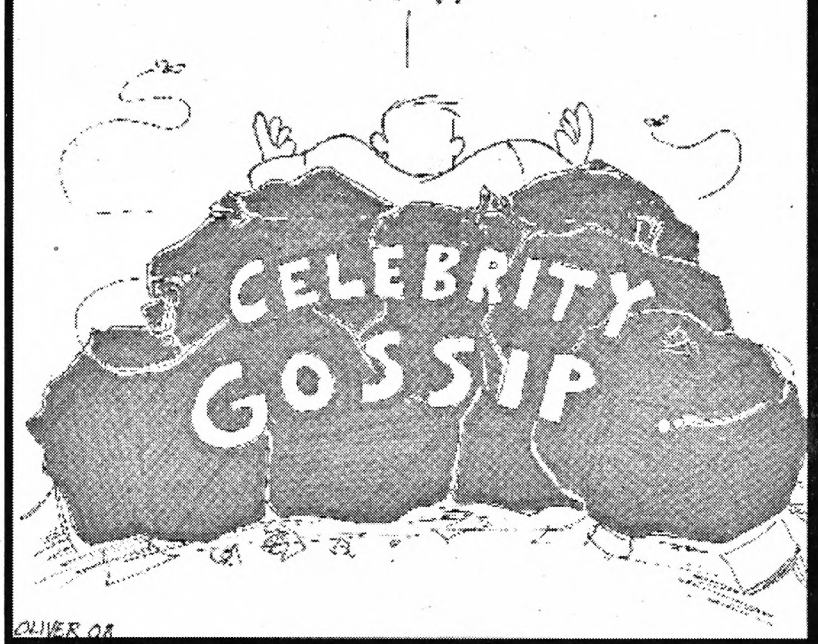
On June 26, 2007 MSN-BC "Morning Joe" anchor Mika Brzezinski refused to read her script, which led the newscast off with another Paris Hilton story.

"I just don't believe in covering that story, especially not as the lead story in a newscast when you have a day like today," she said as she bantered with her fellow anchors and mentioned an important story on the war in Iraq, which came second to Paris.

In addition to refusing to read the script, she decided to make a statement by ripping up the script, shredding it and attempting to burn it. She then continued with the newscast, leading with the second story about the war in Iraq and the pressure that President Bush was receiving from both the House and Senate.

It's time for more newscasters to take a step back and realize that celebrity gossip should not be leading our newscasts and

I KNOW, I KNOW,  
BUT IT'S SO  
SOFT!



CARTOON BY DANIEL OLIVER

making front-page headlines in newspapers. The fact that some celebrity got a DUI should not trump news about our country's economy.

The sad fact of the matter is that as constant media consumers (Internet, television, radio, mobile devices, etc), we are favoring

what has the most buzz over what has the most impact.

The situation is similar to when tabloids were first published and the popularity of gory photos and racy stories drove sales.

Now, like then, we have our eyes fixated on what shocks, not what informs.

## Student Reactions:

**"Due to the emphasis on celebrities, do you trust the media more or less?"**



It would depend on the celebrity. It would depend on their accreditation. If it's someone who has a good track record [I would be more willing to trust their opinion].

- Sophomore Jen Ferreira



I trust them less. It's just them using celebrities to bring attention to whatever topic they want.

- Senior Joseph Quales

## Professionalism

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## Student individuality

Do the changes to the piercing policy hinder diversity and acceptance?

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According to a recent poll I conducted through Blackboard, over 63 percent of ONU undergrads believe that Olivet should not be able to prohibit facial and body piercings among the student body.

However, Olivet administrators announced over Christmas break that the newly instituted piercing policy, which started in fall of 2007, was ending. Their recent decision holds that facial and body piercings are not in keeping with the Olivet dress code and only earrings, for both males and females, are allowed.

According to Woody Webb, Vice President of Student Development, the intent of the original policy change at the beginning of the year was to make equal the earring policy between men and women, thus making it appropriate for men to wear earrings.

The policy was revised at the semester break because there was a miscommunication of the intent of the policy change when it was printed in the University Life handbook.

Personally, I have no facial piercings and am not planning one getting one. I appreciate that the administration wants to encourage and maintain a professional atmosphere here on campus. In fact, since Olivet is a private university, it is legally and ethically free to make such regulations.

On the other hand, I also understand and empathize with those who were affected by the recent policy changes over Christmas break. It seems that perhaps ONU is allowing their goal of "keeping a professional atmosphere" to overshadow their goal of maintaining heterogeneity within the student body. Even though we are considered a private university, we must never forget that variety is valuable.

Maybe there could be some sort of middle ground between professionalism and acceptance. For example, in my high school, the administrators allowed facial and body piercings, but reserved the right to regulate them. If the piercings were overly distracting or inhibitory to the learning process, then school authorities could take disciplinary action. I feel that such a policy could conceivably work here at ONU, if we are willing to try it.

At the beginning of last semester, I thought that the policy allowing piercings was a stride forward for Olivet. As sophomore Caitlin Todd said, "It showed [an appreciation] for diversity and [that Olivet] accepted various types of Christians." We need to be careful not to frighten people away by unintentionally promoting the idea that we all must fit into a certain clean-cut "Sunday School" image in order to be an Olivetian.

I would say I'm in the middle on it. I don't trust everything I hear in the media. You just have to discern between what's true and what's false.

- Junior Julia Morrison



I trust them less. They are trying to make money and they just give bad names to people.

- Sophomore Seth Bowman



# Students bring flood relief

## SOS and Go Student Missions cleanup the Watseka flood aftermath

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Exiting U.S. Highway 45 toward Watseka, Ill., will take passengers down a road that looks just like every other highway exit. The scenery will change, however, when the cars bring them closer to the flood damaged town of Watseka.

Looking around, one might see water-lines streaking across the fronts of houses or a canoe sitting in a front yard. To a passerby who knows nothing about the flood that began in Watseka on Jan. 10, such a scene might not explain the real extent of the damage and the lives that were affected by the floodwaters.

In response to the need of volunteers to help with the aftermath of the flood, Olivet students began to form groups to travel to Watseka over the past few weeks.

### Initial efforts

Save Our Streets (SOS) and Go Student Missions took their first trip to Watseka on Saturday, Jan. 19. Senior Katie Michels, a member of Go Student Missions, a group not associated with Olivet, was one of the coordinators for the trip.

"Just driving through the town, you won't know something happened," Michels said.

Trenton Ivey, leader of SOS, described the parts of Watseka that were hit the hardest as "war zones."

According to an ABC 7 news article, Watseka is a town of about 6,000 people. The residents, with the help of the neighboring churches and volunteer teams like those from Olivet, have been in the process of picking up the pieces.

Michels has volunteered in the past with people who are in poverty situations, but has never experienced flood restoration.

"These people were affected differently because it was so unexpected," Michels said.

During the day, volunteers were

able to talk one-on-one with flood victims and learn their stories. One woman in particular helped validate the reason the group felt they needed to give of their time to help in Watseka.

Pat, a flood victim, had a basement that was entirely flooded with water. The volunteer group entered her home and began to help her wash items in her home that were dirty due to the mud and water that had accumulated during the high flood waters.

So touched by the help from the students, Pat pulled Michels aside as the group was leaving to say, "I can smile now."

### Continuing efforts

After the group returned from their volunteer efforts, they realized there was still much more work that could be done.

Early in the week, Ivey was asked by Olivet administration to lead a group of volunteers back to Watseka on Saturday, Jan. 26. By coordinating the volunteer effort through the administration and the Chaplain's office, a bus was provided for the students while anyone who had to drive on their own was reimbursed.

In order to provide the transportation, the cap for the amount of students allowed to join the group was 50. In conjunction with SOS, the entire student body was also invited to participate in the relief efforts during the Wednesday and Thursday chapel services. By Friday afternoon, the day before the trip, the participation hit the 50-person mark.

"Toward the end we had to turn people away," Ivey said.

After arriving in Watseka, the group set up their headquarters in a local Methodist church. Students were sent out to do primarily cleanup work. Some shoveled mud from basements, others moved trash from places in the house or garage and some just helped homeowners organize their things.

Junior Katie Kirsch was one of the volunteers from Olivet who

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**A home in Watseka has a pile of debris that was gathered after the flood. Homeowners threw out ruined items such as couches and other various furniture. Although, despite the mess, the American flag still proudly stands.**



was given the task of mopping up what she just thought was a dirty green hardwood floor.

"After I started mopping it, I realized it was not a green floor, but a thick layer of mud that was perfectly laid on the floor," she said.

At the end of the day, the group helped in passing out fliers that gave people information about when food pantries would be open.

Some groups finished tasks early during the day, only to want another one assigned to them.

"It was kind of fun to see people eager to work," Ivey said. "People were really into it."

### Future plans

The volunteer efforts did not just take place in Watseka, but on Olivet's campus as well. On Thursday, Jan. 24, "Drop-in-the-Bucket Dollar Day" began. Students were encouraged to donate a dollar for the relief efforts after Thursday's chapel and then Monday through Wednesday during meal times during the week of Jan. 28.

The generosity did not stop there. Campus clubs, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) and the Student Education Association (SEA) are sponsoring a book fair for an elementary school's library that lost all of its books during the

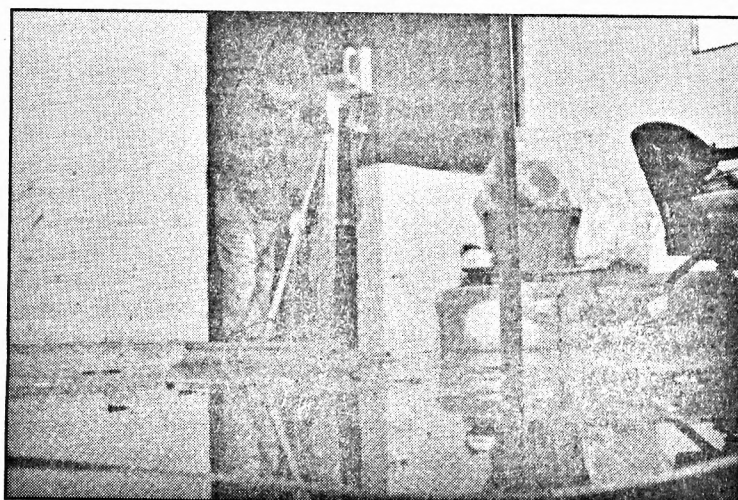


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**During the first trip Olivet students took to Watseka, senior Ben Williams helped sweep out a basement that was flooded. Two teams from Olivet have taken trips to Watseka over the past two Saturdays to help the community of 6,000 recover from the flood that hit their town beginning Jan. 10.**

flood. All proceeds made in the book fair, which is on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., will go straight to the school.

During the fair, books can also be purchased and given directly to the school.

According to Ivey, long-term support of Watseka will still be needed and individual help could be beneficial to the community.

The support that the Olivet

community has shown so far has been appreciated by the residents of Watseka. People even began to realize where the volunteers were from.

"It was cool hearing people say, 'Oh, you are the group from Olivet,'" Ivey said. "People respected the fact that there were a bunch of college students who would give up their Saturday to help those they didn't even know."

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### unsolved mysteries: CHAPEL SEATING

Each semester when new chapel seats are assigned, many students wonder how they ended up with the seat assignment they were given. The answer to this question is that a computer, not a real person, is the one that chooses where Olivet students sit in chapel.

Brent Long, system administrator with Information Technology, works with the program. According to Long, the computer's selection of seating is not completely random. Often times, students will sit by each other for multiple semesters because the database index that chooses the seating assignments stays the same.



## Females tip gender scale More women than men at ONU

► NATALIE HESS AND JALISA SMITH

**S**tatistically, the odds of finding a husband at Olivet have become slimmer. Girls outnumber guys by a ratio of nearly three to one.

This year, 58.2 percent of ONU students are female, while 41.8 percent are male. Universities all over the country have more women than men enrolled in classes.

Nationally, women made up 57 percent of all college students in 2006, which is a 15 percent increase since the 1970s.

Olivet differs from some schools in its acceptance process. While Wheaton College will only accept a certain number of females to allow males to still make up nearly half of the student body, Olivet sets students' gender aside.

"We do not concentrate on the gender of the students because we feel like we would compromise the quality of the student for their gender and that is not worth it," said Susan Wolff, Director of Undergraduate

Admissions.

Some colleges are entering admissions policies to balance the sexes, but at ONU, admissions officials are not worrying about gender quotas.

"Letting gender play a role in the admissions process will not be an issue until we can not accommodate all of the women," Wolff said.

Not only are women receiving more opportunities than ever before, but they are also taking advantage of them.

"I am the first woman in my family to go to college," freshman Indalia Berner said. "It is somewhat empowering knowing that I get to take an opportunity that other women in my family did not get."

Outside of Olivet, the numbers also indicate that more women than men are attending college and researchers have found one explanation.

Men often go to a trade school, into the military, or straight into

the workforce after high school, while women typically go to college, a smaller selection of trade schools or the workforce.

"I think more women stray away from trade schools now because that is all that they have ever done," said Berner. "Now that this opportunity is so available to women, it is easy to understand why so many women are outnumbering the men."

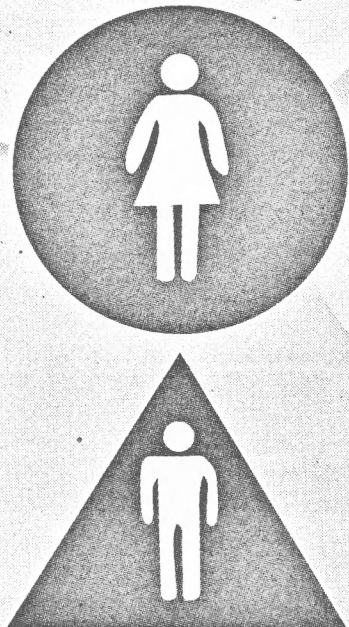
The growing number of women is affecting all areas of campus activities, academics and housing situations.

"Olivet use to be able to fit all the freshmen girls into Williams Hall with a little overlap. Within the past 10 years or so we have had to add an entire other freshman girls dorm," Wolff said.

At a centennial moment at Olivet, a professor reminded us that Miller Business Center was at one point the only female dorm on campus. Now, women take up McClain Hall, Parrott Hall, Williams Hall and the majority of the apartments just outside of campus.

While ONU officials juggle how to house everyone, students here are worried about one particular issue.

"How am I going to find a husband if there are not enough guys to go around?" freshman Kayla Button said.



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## Multi-etic

**I** Olivet Nazarene University is going to be a mirror of the Kingdom of God looks like, then attracting and a more diverse student body and faculty has to be a said both ONU administrators and students.

The combination of starting new clubs, having more events and hiring a consultant, Brenda McNeil, to train a few of the ways administrators and students are hoping to the number of minority students on campus.

"A true representation of a Christian university should mirror Heaven looks like and that is diversity," said LaMorris Crawford, African-American admissions counselor for ONU and a 2006 graduate of the University. Crawford knew that God was calling Olivet despite the low percentage of minority students on campus.

Like Crawford, the University's administrators realize that the student body at Olivet does not reflect the diversity in today's world. They are taking steps to bring awareness to this issue.

"We'd be at a major fault if we did not prepare students for a diverse world," said Fran Reed, Dean of the School of Professional Studies.

But measuring the effectiveness of those programs is tricky. Looking at just the numbers won't offer a full picture of improved attitudes, classroom environments and other indicators that can be quantitatively measured, Reed said.

"Although our work with [McNeil] has been conducted in the past five years, it is early to use data only as a source of success," said. "We have many positive reports from student-to-student and faculty-to-student interactions that support our efforts."

Still, the numbers have budged little during the past three years. The percentage of minority students has risen from 10.7 percent in 2005 to 11.1 percent in 2007.

The number of Asian and Hispanic students both increased during the 2005 to 2007 time period, with the Hispanic population doubling.

However, the number of African-American students has decreased since 2005, from 161 that fall semester to 145 this year.

The number of American Indians also fell. Even so, Olivet is the second most diverse Nazarene college in the country.

According to reports from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), a numerical database to which all colleges and universities send enrollment figures, among Nazarene schools, Olivet trails only Point Loma Nazarene University.

However, Point Loma is located in California, the nation's most culturally diverse state.

Looking back several years, Woody Webb, Vice President for Student Development, can remember a noticeable absence of minority students at ONU events.

In past years, "if you were to go to an event in Kresge or

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number of students of color who attended was almost zero," he said. "If you had seen what we didn't have then compared to what we have now, it's quite amazing."

Through the work of events such as Star Search, Webb pointed to a "broader participation of both black and international students in campus events" and believes that the walls are being broken down.

Webb, who plays a key role in ONU's diversity efforts, started consulting several years ago focusing on diversity with students, staff and faculty. In 2001, Webb met with a diverse group of students, including the student body president, students of color, and international students. He talked to them about issues and concerns with diversity on the campus.

That meeting, the Multi-Ethnic Relations Committee (MERC), was born.

According to Webb is a "steering committee for diversity and awareness," included faculty, staff and students.

In 2002, in order to further address the university's diversity issues, including ONU president, and Webb enlisted the aid of Brenda McNeil of McNeil and Associates, an organization that specializes in the ministry of ethnic reconciliation.

A member of that year, McNeil conducted a private multi-ethnic assessment of students and faculty. The results provided a firmer foundation and focus for the MERC steering committee.

In 2003, The MERC Club, the student equivalent of MERC, was

club sponsors cross-cultural campus events such as Star Search and a student talent competition.

Last October, McNeil moved attention to the faculty, meeting with them to discuss training initiatives in order to prepare them to address diversity training across academic departments so that they would be prepared for a multi-ethnicity.

In 2005, McNeil has been introducing the Olivet's MERC to other colleges as a poster organization for college diversity.

However, there is still progress to be made.

Dr. Kashama Mulamba, a professor of English and the only male African American professor on Olivet's faculty of more than 100, said that the University needs to be doing more to promote diversity among both students and professors.

So, Mulamba is not preoccupied by the lack of diversity. "I consider myself a member of the faculty, that's it," he said. "When many of my colleagues in other institutions hear that I'm the only black male professor here, they tell me I need to get a better job."

He added that "the very meaning of the word 'university' implies universality. Without universality, how can you have a true



## Catholics presence grows on Nazarene campus

SAMANTHA ALLEN  
AND NATALEE ANDERSON

**Name:**  
Amanda Howell

**Age:**  
18

**Hometown:**  
Lansing, Ill.

**College:**  
Olivet Nazarene University

**Class:**  
2011

**Major:**  
Elementary Education

**Religion:**  
Roman Catholic

**Family background:**  
Father, mother, brother, sister, grandparents, great grandparents are all Roman Catholics.

**I attended a Nazarene school because:**  
I heard about it on Shine.fm and liked the strictness of the school.

**My family's response of me going to Nazarene school:**  
Nervous that I would convert to something else.

**At Olivet Nazarene University I like:**  
The variety of religions, rules, and organization of the University.

**At Olivet Nazarene University I dislike:**  
The students reactions and sarcastic jokes of Catholicism.

**Attends:**  
Maternity Blessed Virgin Mary

**Possibility of conversion to another denomination:**  
None

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

Students praying this prayer at Olivet Nazarene University have increased in recent years.

Since 1998 Olivet has seen an increase in the number of Catholic students. The Catholic denomination is the second highest denomination represented at ONU, behind the Nazarene denomination. In 2007, while 26 percent of the students are Nazarene, a steady 12 percent were Catholic.

"[The increase of Catholic students] has nothing to do with those students wanting to make a switch ecumenically," said Michael Benson, Olivet's university chaplain. "Catholics feel that their students can get a good education in a Christian environment without the institution trying to convert students to Protestantism."

Both students and faculty credit part of the increase of Catholic students to Kankakee area's large Roman Catholic and French Catholic population.

Maternity Blessed Virgin Mary, a Catholic church, is located near campus and it keeps the practices of Catholicism easy for Catholic students at ONU, said freshman Ashley Piggush, who is a practicing Catholic.

When she came to ONU, Piggush said she understood that the Nazarene denomination would be dominant around campus. However, she said she knew that religion and the Nazarene denomination would not be pressed against her.

"I see it as Olivet is promoting a faith, not a denomination. They are promoting the faith, not pressing the faith. It's a suggestion."

Piggush said.

Mandatory chapel services at ONU feel more like another class than a worship service, Piggush said.

"There have been times in classes when students make comments about Catholics not being real Christians," Piggush said. "It bothers me sometimes, but I have to just ignore it because really there's not much difference if we all believe in Jesus."

Kevin Mellish, an assistant professor of Biblical literature in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry at ONU, has been a religion professor at ONU for four years. At the beginning of every semester he has his students write an anonymous letter regarding their faith backgrounds in religion. However, Mellish said the letters do not affect the way he teaches.

"Whether Nazarene, Baptist or Catholic, I let the text raise the issues," Mellish said.

Benson added to that saying Catholic students, and students of all denominations, are treated equally at Olivet.

"The University is doing nothing out of the ordinary to accommodate for Catholic students and their practices," Benson said. "Catholic students are given the same benefits, rights and opportunities as any other denomination on campus. They are welcome here. Their faith tradition is not put down. They are considered equals in chapel and anywhere else on campus."

The "politically correct" term gets tagged on everything, Benson said. The University's goal is to not fix every stripe of person here. The spiritual life department's job is to take the students where they are now and move them further down the road spiritually — no matter what denominational practices they choose.

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### Top 3 Denominations at ONU from 1998 to 2007

Denomination	1998	2000	2002	2003	2005	2007
<b>Nazarene</b>	43%	37%	31%	28%	27%	26%
<b>Catholic</b>	10%	11%	14%	15%	13%	12%
<b>Non-Denominational</b>	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	7%



# Lost in Spanish translation

## Students gain experience, skills in interpretation and translation

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Junior Jarret Roloff, like many of his upperclassmen peers, has an internship this semester.

Unlike many, however, the opening that he filled was caused by the absence of a class in the spring catalog—the Spanish Interpretation and Translation class.

Last semester, class worked with the Kankakee Daily Journal where students partnered up and translated ads from English to Spanish for the Daily Journal's monthly Spanish edition, "Fronteras de la Noticia." This is the first time the three-year-old class has worked with the Journal.

Roloff will continue translating the ads, not for class credit, but for internship credit.

"The process involved more than just translating word to word," Roloff said. "It was just constantly revising and just because there's a dictionary definition of the word that I may have looked up, it doesn't mean that's the word they use around here."

Students went through a revising process with their professor, Barbara Martinez, as well as another professor and a native speaker, to make sure the ads were correct.

Martinez said that often plays on words in ads make it tricky to

come up with a Spanish equivalent.

"Sometimes those are the most difficult to translate because to say that in Spanish might take a lot more words to say the same thing and so it's up to the student to come up with a similar phrase that's catchy," she said.

Martinez noted that the difference between translation and interpretation is that translation is written and interpretation is oral. Students in the class split time between both.

Not only did students translate ads, they also translated text from devotionals, brochures and handouts for a local school.

For the interpretation aspect of the class, students were required to have 15 hours of experience in the community. Students started out by shadowing interpreters in two specialized areas, one in a legal setting and another in a medical clinic setting.

Martinez said that students first started interpreting in the clinic, then added onto their experience through interpreting for the Hispanic congregation at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene and at parent-teacher conferences in Momence and Kankakee.

In class, students also worked on honing interpreting skills.

Senior Dana Baumgarten, a double major in accounting and

Spanish, said that interpreting for parent-teacher conferences was stressful at times because of the specialized language that was needed.

"But it was a really good experience to interact with not only teachers, like a professional in that situation, but also with the Hispanic community and to help them together," Baumgarten said.

She said that she enjoyed the practical aspect of the class most.

"It was really cool because we got to practically apply something," she said. "You can learn Spanish all you want, but once you're actually applying it, that's a lot cooler."

Both Roloff and Baumgarten also said they enjoyed being involved with the Hispanic community.

"If we were called on, I think any of us would go help at a parent teacher conference or anything like that, just because the people who were in the class really enjoyed it. It wasn't like we were just doing it just for a grade," Baumgarten said.

Roloff, a double major in communications and Spanish, said that he heard of the internship opening from Martinez.

"Since we don't have interpretation class in the spring, they were looking for somebody to continue translating the ads," Roloff said.

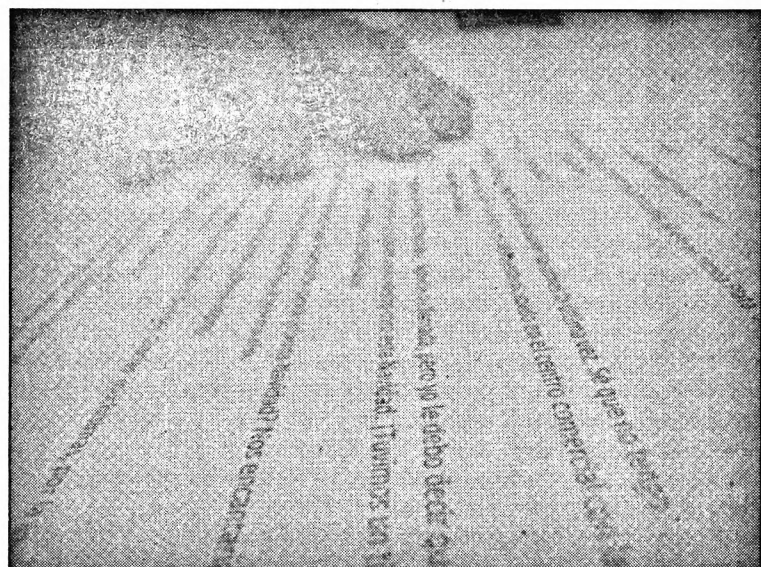


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Students, such as senior Chad Houseman, who is pictured here, were a part of the Spanish Interpretation and Translating class last semester.

"I applied and was happy to be the person they chose."

Although the internship hasn't started yet for Roloff, he said he is looking forward to it. He said that he enjoyed the experience with translating ads last semester, both in seeing his ads in print and adding to his knowledge of Spanish.

"It helps my Spanish out a lot, being knowledgeable about words that are used everyday in society," Roloff said. "Those are always good to know. I just try to

use them in conversation and retain them—the words that I learn and I look up when translating the ads."

Roloff's internship is earning him credit for his communications degree.

"It's great to be able to apply the communications major with the Spanish and vice versa," he said. "It's two of my great passions, communicating with people, and then specific people that I have a heart for, the Hispanic community."

# Leeder brings spiritual renewal

## English pastor from Indiana leads the campus in Revival services

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One week each semester is set aside for spiritual rejuvenation and a time to revive one's spiritual life. Revival, held in conjunction with Olivet and College Church of the Nazarene, is aimed at bringing a sense renewal to campus.

"Every season it is important to get flu shots for your physical health and it is equally important to get your spiritual shot in the arm," said Beth Olney, director of the Center for Student Success.

To help students receive the full benefit of a "spiritual shot in the arm," morning and evening services were held Jan. 27-30 with chapel in the mornings at its regular time and services held at College Church at 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. during the week.

This semester's speaker, Rev. David Leeder, served in pastorates in England and Scotland and also worked in the field of full time evangelism for 10 years, traveling all over Europe, North and South America and Africa. In January 2005, he assumed the senior pastor position of Kokomo First Church of the Nazarene in Kokomo, Ind.

"Revival is bringing life and reigniting our dry souls," Olney

said.

With many options to "tune out God," such as technology and other distractions, Olney says diversions from God can be put aside to regain ones spirituality.

"Revival is a time when those stubborn hearts could be changed and made fresh and in tune once again," she said.

Revival is not only available to the students on campus, but also to members of the faculty and staff looking for spiritual re-ignition.

"It is a time when we grow," Olney said. "And if any of us stop growing, it will become a tragedy."

Often times when revival nears, student sentiment toward the special chapel series is not always positive. However, many students each semester find what they say is invaluable information.

"Last semester was a reaffirmation for me to know who I am in Christ," said sophomore Emily Schmidt, adding that the speaker's words had a large impact on her personally.

Revival has changed lives of students and faculty alike, including Olney, who had an encounter with God last fall, which broke bondage of a traumatic experience of her life.

"I felt God talking to me di-

rectly and asking me to submit myself again," Olney said. "That night I felt I was delivered once again."

Similarly, junior Nadine Carole had begun a new relationship two years ago when the Revival speaker talked about relationships with others as well as God.

"That Revival helped me to have a better relationship with God and people today," she said.

While the majority of the student body is required to attend the morning Revival services, the evening services—which are not mandatory—garner more than 600 students every year.

"Compared to other Nazarene schools, Olivet has a greater number of students attending the evening services," Olney said. "We also have a great number of people from the community each evening."

During Revival, Kelly Prayer Chapel was kept open throughout each day as students were invited to prepare their hearts for Revival and God's work in their lives.

According to Olney, with all that Revival has to offer students, she hopes that they would feel welcome to grow mutually with the help of professors.

"Revival is a day to day thing, and we hope after Revival the students would seek the faculty for

guidance," Olney said. "The staff and faculty are here for the students in their time of need."

The Chaplain's office believes

that Revival is a life changing experience because no matter what "students always are burning for God."

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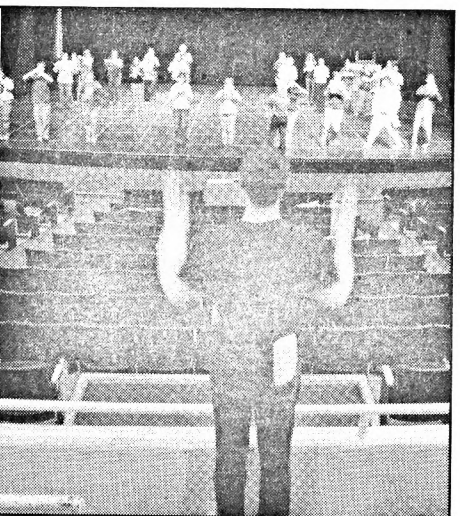
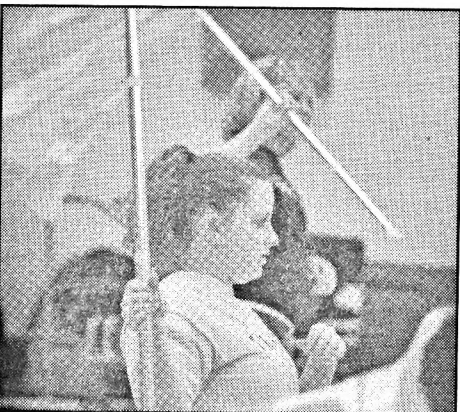
## Concert Band prepares for hueful showcase of talents and tones

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Multiple hues of paint and horsehair brushes to create color aren't always necessary. Sometimes, instruments and their music can create all color that human imaginations need.

The Band Winter Showcase, which will be held at ONU on Feb. 8 and 9 in Kresge Auditorium at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. for \$5, is hoping to do that for their audience.



"With the Band Winter Showcase, we seek to provide the audience with an opportunity to experience the music," junior band president Shaun Heitzman said.

The Showcase allows the audience to experience music through movement, lighting and a creative touch. The show ranges from acts made of smaller groups of performers to entire band ensembles.

"The acts that include the whole band are very unique experiences for both the performer and the viewer," Heitzman said.

Having the entire band on stage marching in a way they would for a football game half time show is one way the show distinguishes itself. Additionally, it has acts featuring percussion, the color guard and an array of instruments.

Each year the band votes on a new theme with this year's being "Prism: Spectrum of Color." The band hopes to take pieces of music and enhance them with lighting, costumes and stage settings to help the audience experience the music.

"Color is such a strong visible element and by incorporating that with our music the audience will be able to experience music in a unique way," Heitzman said.

To prepare for the performances, it takes much planning and practice for each mem-

ber of the band and the color guard team.

"Planning for the winter showcase begins in August," said senior Shauntia Mettlin, secretary of the band council. "It is a yearlong process of planning and practicing."

Practice for the show began late last semester with the full band rehearsing together. Acts were chosen by the band council with suggestions from every band member. Practices are held everyday with the entire band for two hours and then the individual acts have their practices at different times during the day. The band held their marathon practice on Sat., Jan. 26, during which members rehearsed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

In past years, the band has invited local schools to come and see their performance before the actual shows. This year, the band will be performing in two shows for 750 students in second to 12th grades.

"By doing this, we seek to impact the children's lives and show them the benefits of getting involved in music," Heitzman said.

Mettlin is also excited about the performances this year.

"The band performances have definitely changed for the good over the years," she said.

The band believes their group has come together very well to create an entertaining show for everyone involved.

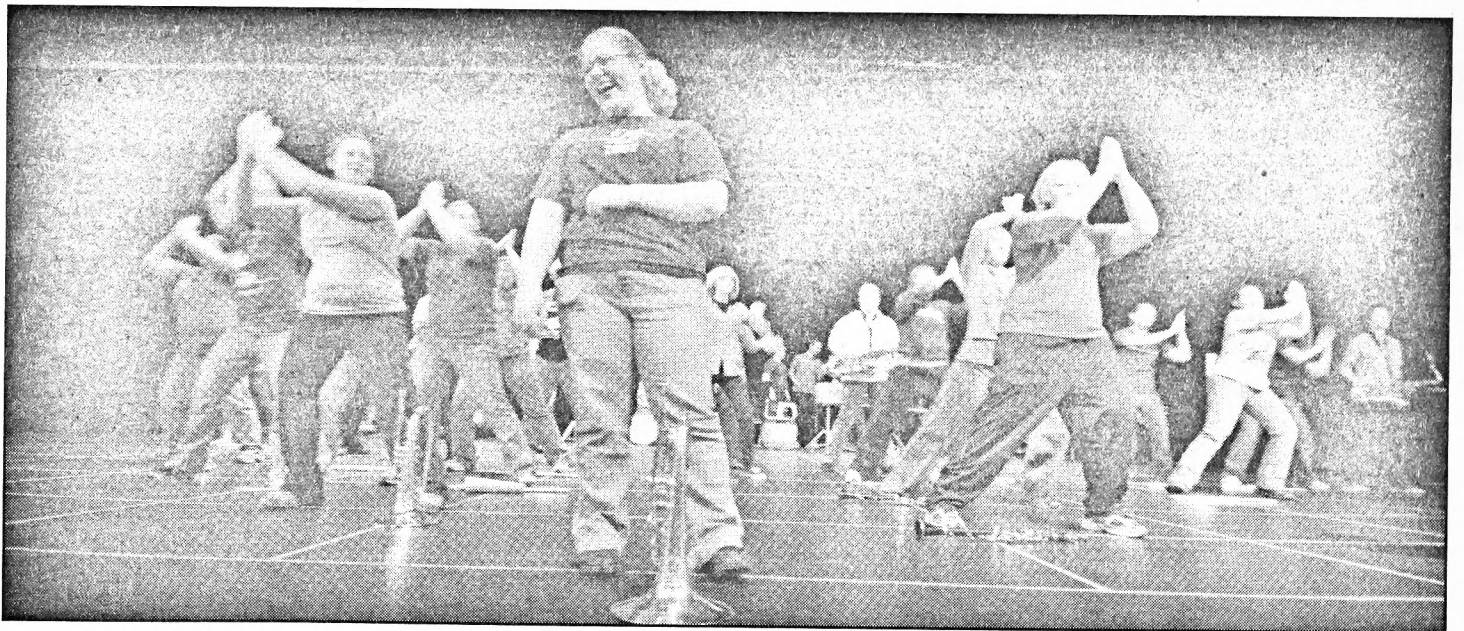
"We have an amazing group of musicians that are talented and dedicated to the work they do," Heitzman said. "It will be an outstanding experience, not only for the participants, but more so for the audience."

With many practices and lots of work, the whole performance can be stressful for the performers.

"But knowing how, with our music, we can influence people's lives, makes it challenging for us," Mettlin said. "It is a learning experience for all of us with a good feeling of relief on the successful completion of the show."

Not only does the band put on a performance, but it also does a service project each year. This year the band, in conjunction with SEA's book drive, is raising funds and supplying books for the school in Watseka that was recently flooded.

Students will have an opportunity to donate books during the week of Feb. 4, when tables will be set up in Ludwig for the Band Winter Showcase ticket sales. Books can also be brought to the show where they will have special arrangements for collection.



ALL PHOTOS BY JON BROWN

From top: Junior Ginny Martin and sophomore Kate Rojek toss their flags. Junior Shaun Heitzman directs the band. Sophomore Brittany Harris laughs as the band practices.

-Nathan Keelor

Thursday, Feb. 7, 6-9 p.m. at Moon Monkey

-Meredith Morris and Andrea Enke

Friday, Feb. 8, 6-9 p.m. in Brandenburg Gallery

-Megan Campbell and Ashley Saunders

Thursday, Feb. 21, 6-9 p.m. in Brandenburg Gallery

-Laura Martz and Laura Thompson

Thursday, February 21, 6-9 p.m. at Moon Monkey

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# When membership makes the difference:

## How size can greatly affect the quality of the Olivet Nazarene University Orchestra

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Without the musician, instruments are worth only as much as the wood or metal of which they are made and the strings and frets that adorn them.

The ONU orchestra is equally impacted by the importance of membership.

Membership in Olivet's orchestra varies from year to year. Several factors influence this fluctuation of membership, including scholarship availability, instruments required for performances and levels of interest among the students themselves.

According to Neal Woodruff, conductor of the orchestra, the number of members maintains an average of 45-50 players. Although this semester there are only 43 members, Woodruff believes that it wouldn't be "accurate to say that the orchestra is declining in membership." The music literature played by the orchestra determines the number of woodwind, brass and percussion players required, thus affecting the number of members.

Woodruff says one of the largest reasons students quit orchestra is the issue of scholarships. There is a scholarship available for freshman participating in orchestra, but only music majors are offered scholarships for the remainder of their college career, due to limitations in funds, resulting in a high turnover rate following freshmen year.

"Students enjoy playing, but need to get jobs to replace the

scholarship funds, or take classes that interfere with the regular rehearsal time. So the orchestra remains mostly freshman and a few sophomores, with relatively few juniors and seniors," Woodruff said. "They're just getting into the swing of playing at the college level and then need to drop out."

Diane Michel, a senior history major, only received a scholarship her freshman year, yet has chosen to remain in the orchestra as a cellist for all four years.

"[It's] a fun class that is more enjoyable than sitting through another lecture," she said. "It's also nice to have friends in orchestra outside of my major and usual group of friends."

Although there are around 85 music majors, according to Woodruff, over 300 students participate in the music department, many of them from different departments throughout campus.

"I love orchestra," said Allison Davenport, a senior English and religious studies major. "The University Orchestra provides the opportunity to play excellent music, and I can't get away from how much I love playing."

Additionally, Olivet's orchestra is completely comprised of undergraduate students. According to Woodruff, schools the size of Olivet rarely have an orchestra, especially schools in the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU), of which Olivet is a member.

For example, Point Loma Nazarene University's orchestra has 50-65 members, comprised



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**Neal Woodruff conducts what are mainly undergraduate students during a rehearsal for the ONU orchestra. Fluctuation in orchestra membership is often due to available scholarships, often resulting in a high turnover rate following freshman year.**

of students and professionals from the San Diego area, according to Philip Tyler, Point Loma's orchestra conductor. Their string section has 28 members, in comparison to Olivet's 21. Trevecca Nazarene University's Symphony Orchestra has 60-65 active participants, with 8-10 TVU students, according to Timothy Cierpke, Trevecca's orchestra conductor.

Because Olivet's orchestra is comprised entirely of undergraduate members and not supplemented by adult members from the community or graduate students, it gives undergraduate students an opportunity to sit as first chair and

play solos.

"The music at the collegiate level has tested my abilities and helped me improve my skill level," Michel said.

Davenport agrees.

"It is interesting that many, many freshmen hold key spots," she said. "When I was an underclassman, I felt responsible because the orchestra isn't dominated by upperclassman majors ... and it helped me grow as a musician, that's for sure."

However, the orchestra is always looking for more student musicians to enhance their performances, especially string players.

"We have an awesome brass and wind section. We just need more string players," said Laura Kehoe, a junior music major. "I think that's really what holds us back. We could offer so much more musically if we had more strings."

With a continuously growing student body, Davenport says that there is always an opportunity waiting for those who wish to lend their talents.

"There are many ONU students who are talented musicians, but don't play in orchestra that I would highly encourage to join," she said.

# Creating a 24-hour masterpiece

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One might wonder how any event involving cross-dressers, hags, night clubs and really bad first dates could possibly be considered "Olivet-sanctioned fun."

That is exactly what Hahnah Jackson, former president of Olivet's Green Room, considers the 24-hour Theatre, which started on Jan. 18 and concluded Jan. 19.

During the annual Green Room event, students are given 24 hours to write and prepare one-act plays to have them ready for showing.

According to Jackson, the writers met at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening and received instructions from Kenneth Delaney, the current Green Room president and overseer of the event.

At 8:15 p.m., Jackson, Delaney and several of the writers met at Denny's, where they remained writing to all hours of the morning.

Bright and early on Saturday, the writers presented their finished scripts to the directors, who

randomly selected scripts and actors.

The directors and actors then spent the rest of the morning and afternoon memorizing and practicing their plays.

Students presented five plays — with free admission — to an overflow crowd at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night in Wisner auditorium.

"Even though this is theater, I am speechless," sophomore participant Sarah Giove said. "... It seemed like we got so much out of those 24 hours."

Delaney credits the large audience for the greater student participation in the event.

"It was really helpful having a lot of people sign up ... because more people have a connection to what's going on," he said.

Jackson said the amount of participation made the event the "biggest ever" and felt encouraged by the differences in the 39 students that participated.

"We have a lot of transfers participating, which is exciting because we have [Green Room] sign-ups first semester, but sec-

ond semester transfers don't realize what activities are going on until the next year," she said.

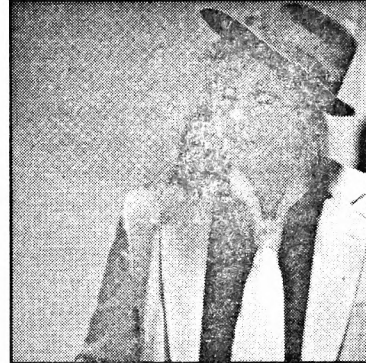
Jackson went on to say that the early scheduling for the 24-hour Theater allowed more transfers and others to participate because they have not yet been caught in their schoolwork.

Brittany Bailey, a sophomore transfer student, said she was thankful for the experience and sharing it with like-minded students.

"Coming here and having a Christian influence in acting was a blessing. Theater is a huge passion of mine and then hanging out with people who have the same passion was what I needed," Bailey said.

Nettie Reed, a freshman who portrayed an "innocent night club temptress" in "Rance Bourbon, Private I," also felt the mentality of the participants was beneficial.

"The excitement of the people around you helps you to stay in character. You don't take yourself seriously, so you just have more fun with it," Reed said.



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**From bottom left and clockwise: Sophomore Laura DeMerrell and freshman Nettie Reed laugh during practice. Sophomore Lyra Schweiger gets into her character. Junior Allen Posey and sophomore Brittany Bailey act out a scene.**



# No off season for ONU sports

Training and conditioning continues year-round for athletes

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When the playing season is finished, most people would assume that would mean athletes are free to spend more time on school work, extracurricular activities, television shows, or whatever else college students fit into their schedules. Olivet Nazarene University athletes know better.

The off-season has become more instrumental in developing oneself as a player, as well as strengthening the team.

With the baseball and softball seasons right around the corner, the baseball team is taking a more conventional approach to training while the softball team is doing things a little differently.

"Our offseason is really looked at as preseason," said junior baseball pitcher Steven Held. "It is

primarily conditioning and making sure that the fundamentals for the game are solid so there is a uniform approach to the various aspects of the game."

The baseball team practices everyday of the week with the exception of Sunday, utilizing every space and time they have.

"Practice is never dull, we are busy from the time we change and get equipment out until we wrap practice up," said senior baseball catcher Chad Dilley. "All baseball players have chapel on Tuesday and Wednesday, so we all can practice during chapel hour on Thursday."

Since the weather is not permitting of outdoor training, the baseball and softball teams also use the turf room, Birchard gym and varsity weight rooms to condition for their upcoming season.

Twice a week the softball pro-

gram does a creative circuit training weight program that consists of lifting sledgehammers, tractor tires, sandbags, kettle bells and medicine balls.

Rachel Comoglio, sophomore third baseman for the softball team increased her maximum bench press by 30 pounds last season because of the unique weight lifting program.

On-field performance largely is determined by the effort put forth and decisions made during the offseason.

"Every athlete seems to be finding their own time to come in extra to the turf room to do some tee work in between classes," according to senior outfielder Amy Murray.

Athletes can't afford to fall out of shape during the off season. To keep in shape and not risk injury, athletes train and condition in a variety of ways.

Some athletes choose to compete in double sports, like junior Kendall Thomas. Besides working as an offensive-lineman for football, Thomas participates in the weight throw for track.

"I do a separate workout with the throwers. After my practice finishes at 8 p.m., I attend off-season offensive line clinics for half an hour just to stay up to date and stay close with my fellow linemen," remarked Thomas. "My coaches support me."

The linemen are not the only players keeping close on the football field.

"As receivers we are running routes and catching passes two times a week trying to get an early start on building chemistry with the quarterbacks," freshman running back Marshall Fraley said.

Since the volleyball team will not compete again until after spring break, for seven weeks the ladies will work with strength and conditioning coach Joe Kessler over at the Mooney Drive OAK Orthopedics facility, three days a week for core and strength training.

"[Kessler] will work up our endurance," sophomore setter Erin Sikora said.

In every sport, the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) gives Olivet hard competition. To gain a clear advantage for the regular season, many of the Tiger teams are not only training, but also competing in the off season, like the men's and women's soccer teams.

The soccer routines are similar and include long-distance running and sprint work, as well as working on lateral speed and agility.

One way of doing this for the

men is playing wallyball in the racquetball courts.

The women are participating in a late night indoor league in Frankfort, Ill. They dominated their first game on Jan. 15, winning 10-1.

Despite all the time that athletes put in, most of them will agree that they enjoy preparing for the season and becoming a better team.

"We have a great team that is very enjoyable to be around and to play with. We are a very blessed team," freshman midfielder Cara Sunberg said.

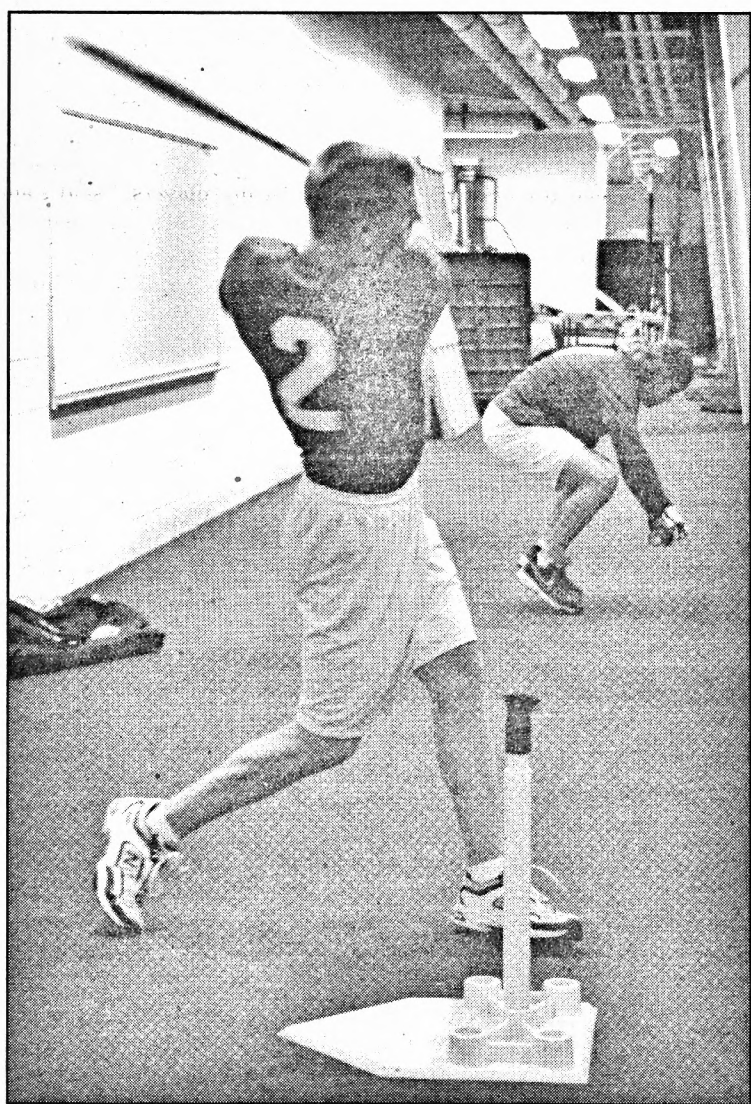


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Senior second baseman Alex Butler works on his form. Butler looks to pick up his five-game hitting streak he ended last season with.

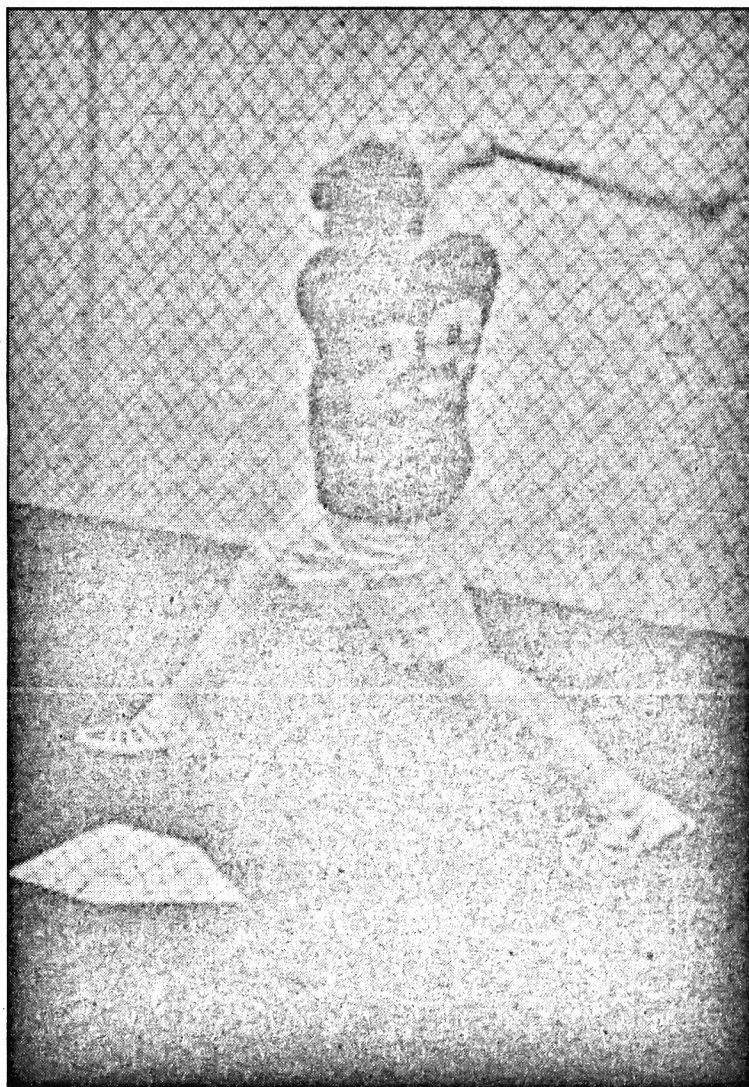


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Freshman infielder Matt Dobin works on his swing and stance during a baseball practice.

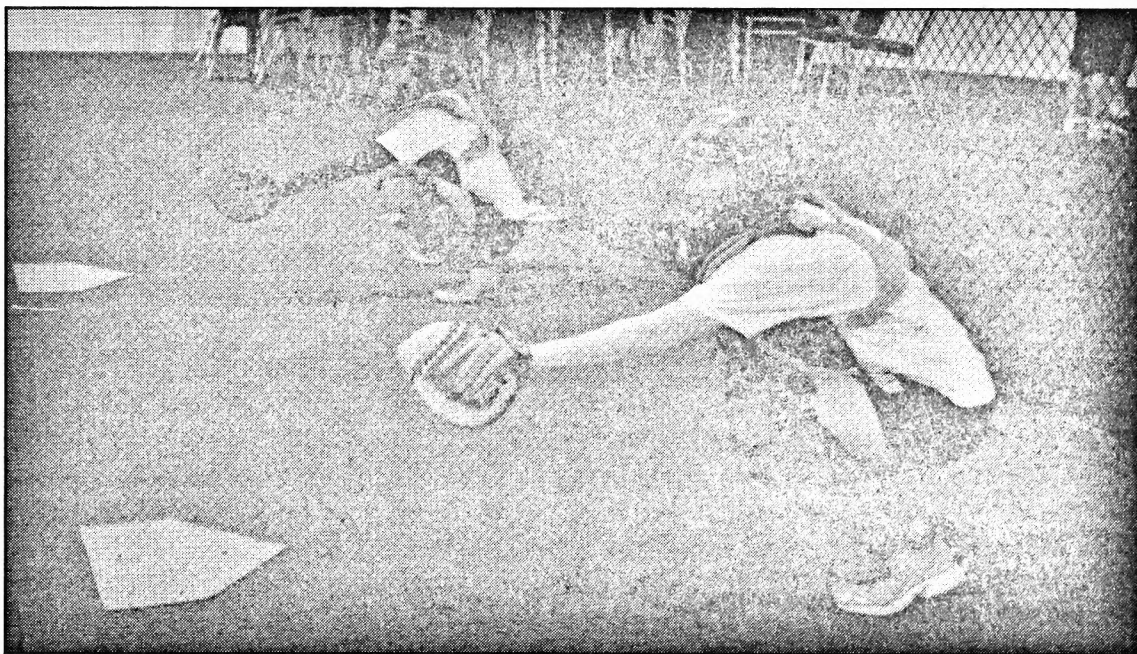


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Sophomore catchers Nora Duffy and Shelley Durante go through some catching drills during a softball practice.

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# Saved by the shin splints

## Basketball career of Paul Bayer plagued by rare heart condition

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Before last spring, sophomore Paul Bayer had never had a single serious injury in 15 years of playing basketball.

That is, except for a case of shin splints. Because of these sharp pains in his shins, Bayer has not been able to fully work out or play college basketball. If he had, only God knows if his heart could have handled it.

"Shin splints saved my life. We exhausted every medical thing we could to try to get rid of them, but they wouldn't go away," Bayer said.

Bayer experienced shortness of breathe and dizziness while walking around campus last spring, but a local cardiologist told him it was nothing. Bayer, however, decided to get a second opinion.

"It was kind of by chance that we were at the right doctors at the right time," Bayer said.

On May 23, 2007 Bayer was diagnosed with a heart condition so rare that it doesn't even have a name. He became the sixth person in history to undergo this uncommon open-heart surgery on Dec. 18, 2007.

At first, Bayer was told the dizziness and shortness of breath was only anxiety, but the medical tests showed something was wrong with his heart.

"There really isn't a name for it," he said. "The best thing that they said was that it was just a 'perfect storm.' I had a couple of different structural defects that led to a pretty significant problem."

He was told nothing could be done and that athletics would never be in his future again. In addition, because of the rarity of the situation, he was told surgery was not an option.

"But it ended up there had been a surgeon who had done a couple [surgeries] like this and decided to try it," Bayer said.

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The six-hour surgery in Cleveland, Ohio, performed by Dr. Nicholas Smedira, involved repositioning the papillary muscles of the heart and cutting a valve. While the doctors repositioned the muscles, the valve naturally slid into place and didn't need to be cut.

Although they performed the surgery with great success, there is still a chance the problem could return.

"Even now, there is a pretty good risk that what they did could undue itself because the muscles they repositioned are only held down by stitches," Bayer said. "So, really, any day they could pop loose, but they [the doctors]

said they have had great success with it [the surgery]."

Bayer's recovery process has been steady. During the surgery, his heart and lungs relied completely on the machines. Because of this, he lost much of his lung strength, something that takes a lot of work to get back. Currently, he cannot lift anything over five pounds or do any sort of exercise. Bayer's next step will be cardiac rehab during the next few weeks which will hopefully allow him to begin exercising in six months.

"Well, I would like to obviously get back into it [basketball]," Bayer said. "It's something I have always enjoyed, but it's really going to come down to what the doctors say in the final evaluation."

Basketball has always been an integral part of Bayer's life. At age five, Bayer's older brother taught him how to play basketball. His career continued into grade school and through high school. As a freshman at Moline High School, in Moline, Ill., he started as a varsity shooting guard. One of his many awards was receiving all-conference for three out of his four years of high school.

Following high school, Division I school, Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., recruited Bayer. After his first semester at Lehigh, he decided to transfer back close to home and received a basketball scholarship from ONU.

Ralph Hodge, ONU's men's basketball coach, knows it will be difficult for Bayer to get back into playing shape, but he is still hopeful.

"There'd be nothing better than to have Paul back on the floor. Even if he was less than half the player he was before, we would still be open to it," Hodge said.



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**Sophomore Paul Bayer after his heart surgery in December. Bayer was diagnosed with a condition so rare it doesn't have a name.**

Through all this, Bayer's family and friends have walked with him through this tough period of his life. Olivet sophomore Morgan Haley has been a friend of Bayer for six years and through this hard time she says they have become even better friends.

"I tried to be an ear that he could vent his concerns and worries to because he has always been that person for me," Haley said.

ONU's basketball team has also stuck by Bayer. Although not on the court, he is still able to attend practices and sit on the sidelines during games taking statistics. In the fall, Bayer attended every practice, even though he was not able to play.

"We use him as a mentor to young players," Hodge said. "Paul is more than just a basketball player. He's got strong character, great support from his family and he knows life is more than being a basketball player."

From the shin splints to the valve sliding into place, to surviving a surgery that has only been performed on five other people, Bayer knows he is alive for a reason.

Jeremiah 29:11, which talks about God knowing the plans for every person's life, has been a verse that has helped Bayer through this time.

"[Doctors] looked me in the eye and told me there is no reason I should be alive," Bayer said. "I should have probably died on the court. I am kind of interested to see where my life goes after this just because I probably shouldn't be here, and I am, and I want to know why."

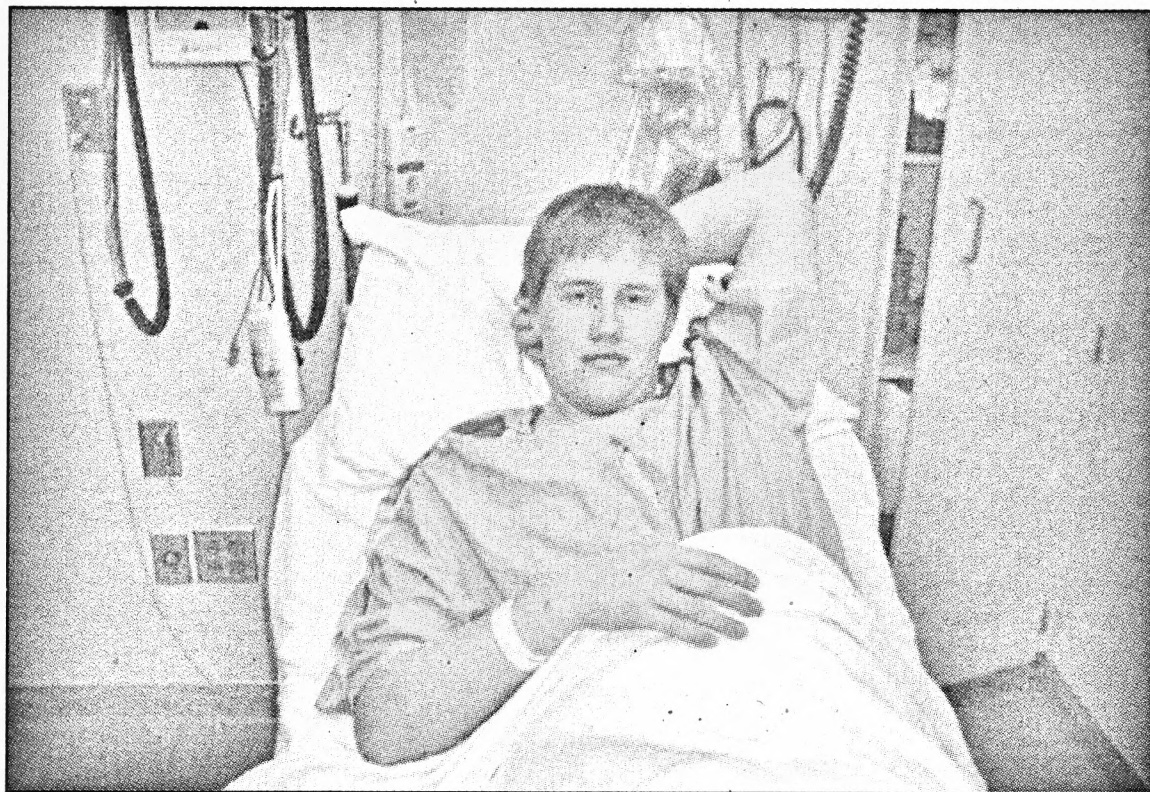


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**Paul Bayer relaxes in his hospital bed. His heart surgery lasted for six hours where the doctors reposition the muscles of his heart, which then slid a valve in place.**

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